

**House File 354 - Introduced**

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BY FISHER

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to juror and witness compensation.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 607A.8, subsection 1, Code 2021, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. A grand juror and a petit juror in all courts shall  
4 receive ~~thirty dollars~~ per day the hourly rate that public  
5 defenders earn on all cases other class "A" and "B" felonies  
6 pursuant to section 815.7, subsection 5, as compensation for  
7 each day's service or attendance, including attendance required  
8 for the purpose of being considered for service. The supreme  
9 court may adopt rules that allow additional compensation for  
10 jurors whose attendance and service exceeds seven days.

11 Sec. 2. Section 622.69, subsection 1, Code 2021, is amended  
12 to read as follows:

13 1. Witnesses shall receive ~~ten dollars~~ per day the hourly  
14 rate that public defenders earn on all cases other class "A"  
15 and "B" felonies pursuant to section 815.7, subsection 5,  
16 for each full day's attendance, ~~and five dollars for each~~  
17 ~~attendance less than a full day,~~ and mileage expenses pursuant  
18 to [section 602.1509](#) for each mile actually traveled.

19 EXPLANATION

20 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
21 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

22 This bill increases juror and witness compensation.

23 Under the bill, jurors and witnesses earn per day the hourly  
24 rate that public defenders earn on all cases other than class  
25 "A" felonies and class "B" felonies, as provided for in Code  
26 section 815.7(5), which is \$63. Under current law, juror  
27 compensation is \$30 per day, and witness compensation is \$10  
28 for a full day's attendance and \$5 for attendance of less than  
29 a full day.